# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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MIG-21 CRASH
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether in connection with MiG-21 crashes the IAF has unprecedented andseverely indicated HALin the matter of quality control in engine repair and overhaul and that Russian expert `audit team` is proposed to be posted at HALsites to ensure better quality control;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Indian Air Force has not indicted HAL in the matter of quality control in engine repair/overhaul.

Whenever an aircraft accident takes place, a Court of Inquiry is held toestablish the cause of the accident and recommend appropriate remedial measures. Specialists from the Air Force as well as other connected agencies are associated with the Court of Inquiry. In case the aircraft is manufactured or overhauled by HAL, then HAL representatives form a part of the Court of Inquiry team. Recommendations of the Court of Inquiry, duly approved by Air HQ, are sent toHAL if applicable, for instituting suggested remedial measures. When and if required, the original manufacturer, viz Russians in the case of MiG-21, are also involved with the Court of Inquiry.

Joint inspection of HAL facilities and Indian Air Force bases wasrecently carried out to check if proper practices were being meticulously followed. Recommendations made by the joint team have been/are being implemented both by HAL and Air Force.Also, recently a Russian team was associated with quality audit of both HAL and Air Force facilities.

Assistance from the Russian, original equipment manufacturers is available for use when required.